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Honorable Allen Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Allen:

My office staff has been in contact with Mr. Paul M. Deac, Executive Vice President of the National Confederation of American Ethnic Groups. Mr. Deac originated a proposal whereby their organization would volunteer to supply to the armed services and to the State Department, names of individuals who have skills pertaining to various foreign countries. The State Department suggested to my staff that your Agency might also be able to use something of this sort.

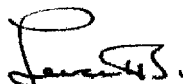
Mr. Deac's National Confederation of American Ethnic Groups is an anti-communist organization and wishes to be of every patriotic assistance to this country within its means. He has told my staff that they plan to try to locate within their organization, under a filing system, foreign language skills, knowledge of particular localities in other countries, and other useful items of information. I believe they include both occidental and oriental groups.

Mr. Deac pointed out to my staff (I have not had the opportunity to meet him personally) that since the individuals in his ethnic groups are very well acquainted with each other, he thinks it is unlikely that an unpatriotic individual could be recommended to the government by them. This would, of course, be subject to check.

I know that Mr. Deac would appreciate an opportunity to describe his organization's abilities to the official that you felt could put them to the greatest use in your Agency. If you feel it more appropriate to make direct contact with him, that would be fine, or I will be glad to inform Mr. Deac as to a suggested time and place. He is here in Washington most of the time, at 1761 R Street, N. W.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Leverett Saltonstall

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